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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Approved January 22, 2018

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on November 6, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Mary Diamond, DO; Sandy Elliott, CNM; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C; Leena Paul, MD; Manisha Wadhwa, MD;

ABSENT: Richard Henderson, MD

GUESTS: No Public Present

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: Meaghan Barna Director's Assistant - Division of Professional Regulation
Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 Call to Order: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Paul to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1. Potential Rules and Regulations Changes for APRNs

Ms. Singh provided the committee with draft regulation changes based on the committee's previous discussions for their review and consideration. Ms. Singh reviewed the suggested revisions and the committee discussed the draft regulations which added the definition of licensed healthcare delivery system as well as clarified the maintenance of the collaborative agreement. Ms. Cunningham made a

motion, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to recommend to the Board of Nursing the adoption of the suggested revisions to the Board of Nursing's Rules and Regulations. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

The committee discussed the number of practice hours required for a refresher program. Dr. Williams explained that currently the regulations require 600 hours which is actually greater than the number of hours required for initial licensure. The committee discussed what could be done to address this and also what is being done in other jurisdictions. It was noted that Texas has an APRN refresher program that requires 400 hours. Ms. Cunningham agreed to research other jurisdictions to determine their requirements and report back to the committee.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Applications were reviewed for independent practice as advanced practice registered nurses for:

4.1.1 Helene Henry, APRN, FNP

Mr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Dr. Wadhwa, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.2 Mary Kegelman, APRN, FNP

Mr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.3 Amber Manning, APRN, FNP

Mr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Dr. Wadhwa, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.4 John Pearson, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.5 Taresa Pittman, APRN, PMHNP

The committee re-reviewed Ms. Pittman's application. The committee agreed to allow W-2's in lieu of verification of hours, but will need a collaborator to verify competency. Ms. Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Castaldo, to accept the submitted W-2's, but will need the verification of competency form completed before independent practice approval will be granted. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

4.1.6 Christine Rohan, APRN, FNP

The committee reviewed Ms. Rohan's application for independent practice. The committee noted a discrepancy on the form that she completed and what was completed by her collaborator, and the committee was also unclear if the population she was working with based on her collaborator's form, matched her certification. Dr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Castaldo, to table the application of Ms. Rohan and seek further clarification on the population and foci Ms. Rohan is working with. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4.1.7 Barbara Sartell, APRN, AGNP

The committee reviewed Ms. Sartell's application for independent practice. The committee was unclear on Ms. Sartell's collaborator's specialty and if it matched her population and foci. Additionally, the collaborator did not specify the number of hours they worked with Ms. Sartell. Mr. Castaldo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to table the application and seek additional information; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.8 Bradley Why, APRN, PMHNP

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.1.9 Hallie Forsythe-Dennison APRN, AGNP

Dr. Diamond moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Applications for Licensure

4.2.1 Angela Toney, APRN, AGNP

The committee reviewed the APRN application for licensure of Ms. Toney due to being inadvertently left off the previous Board of Nursing agenda. Ms. Toney had prior discipline in another jurisdiction. The committee reviewed the application. Ms. Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wadhwa, to grant Ms. Toney a waiver for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4.3 Application(s) for Prescriptive Authority

4.3.1 Joel Lorenz, CRNA

Mr. Lorenz submitted an application for prescriptive authority; however the transcript he submitted along with the application did not clearly delineate pharmacology contact hours. Mr. Castaldo reviewed the course transcript, but he explained he was unable to determine a number of pharmacology contact hours per course from the transcript. Mr. Castaldo suggested Mr. Lorenz submit his transcript to the AANA for review for non-prior approval as they can retroactively approve the courses and this process will also clarify pharmacology contact hours. Mr. Castaldo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to table Mr. Lorenz's application for prescriptive authority with the recommendation that he seek approval and pharmacology credit through the AANA and then resubmit the transcript to the committee for review. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

5.0 Other Business (for discussion)

There was no other business discussed.

6.0 Public Comment

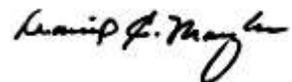
There was no public comment.

7.0 Next Meeting Date – January 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment – 6:10 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Mangler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

David C. Mangler, RN, MS
Director
Division of Professional Regulation